



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

Committed to the Free and Responsible Search for Truth, Meaning, and Service

The View

August 4, 2011

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

But **THE VIEW from PUC** is quite a bit more dovish and not hunting for anything other than your attention - RRRRREEEEEEEEAAAAAADD ALLL AAAAAABBBBOOOUUUTTT IT!

REnews

Growing Toward Being a Charitable Giver

The annual Religious Education sponsored Back-to-School Sale for Toberman Learning Center is coming Sunday, **August 21**. During the year, R.E. sponsors three special events for the children to be



involved in for the three San Pedro shelters PUC helps out. This is one way we are teaching our children how to be charitable

giverS. Pacific Unitarian Church is filled with very generous and charitable people and we want our children to witness this and participate in it.

In the earlier years children aren't equipped to think of a gift that would fit the interest or needs of people they don't even know, or to give to some cause without understanding first what being charitable means.

For more than 30 years, Fred Rogers encouraged children to grow into caring, compassionate, and giving neighbors. He said, "I don't think it's helpful to give young children the sense that they are responsible for feeding and clothing all the poor and healing all the ills of the world. That's much too heavy a burden for a child. In fact, it could even be frightening for a child to think that he or she might have such a responsibility. Children need to know that grown-ups are in

This Sunday

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10:30 AM Service

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Saturday *Justice Plunge* field trips,

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11:30 AM: 1st SUunday Potluck

Brunch - Please bring a dish to share.

More photos by Ed Slizewski adorn the

Art Wall through August 14.

Virginia McCulloch/Ramos provides **Sunday's Flowers** "for all of my fellow Leos celebrating their

charge and that many grown-ups are doing what they can to make this world a better place. We can, however, help children feel they have a part in being a caring neighbor."

When we tell children that we are doing these events for "the needy" or those who are "less fortunate," we divide people into "us" and "them." All of us at some time or another need help. Whether we are giving or receiving, each of us has something valuable to bring to this world. One way to explain it is that we are gathering school supplies for people who don't have the money to buy backpacks or notebooks for school, rather than we are collecting school supplies "for the needy" or "less fortunate." We can also explain that people who have money to donate school supplies have other kinds of needs. And those who receive the supplies have other strengths.

Our 1st UU Principle says that we are all important and unique, different and individual; yet as individual as we are, we are much more the same than we are different. That may be the most essential message of all as we help our children grow toward being caring, compassionate and charitable adults.

So please come to the "store" at coffee hour on August 21. The children will have school supplies for you to buy (they will go to the stores and do the footwork for you), and then you will donate them back and we will take them to Toberman to help with their back-to-school program. All you need to remember is to bring your cash or checks...and as we say each week: "*Let us be grateful when we are able to give, for many do not have that privilege. Let us be grateful for all those who share their gifts, for we are enriched by their giving. And let us be grateful even for our needs, so that we may learn from the generosity of others.*"

How blessed we are,
— **Renée Daley, DRE**

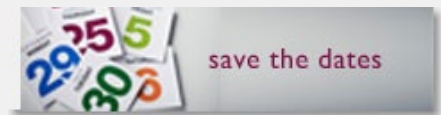
Meet Rev. Sonya Sukalski

Guest Speaker for this Sunday's Service

Rev. Sonya Sukalski found her district young adult group soon after joining the UU Church in her hometown of Los Alamos, NM. She was inspired and nurtured by the energy, creativity, and insight of those young adults, and has been interested ever since in how Unitarian Universalism can better serve and grow with people aged 18 to 35. She led a young adult trip to Transylvania in 2001 with (now Rev.) Justin



birthdays in August."



8/21-26: PSWIRL's



"Summer

Camp for Grownups" @
Camp de Benneville Pines.
Click [here](#).



9/10: Quilting/Sewing Class
resumes.



9/11: Full Moon BBQ at the
home of Dave & Jean
English. 10 Spots Open!



11/18-20: UULMCA Justice
Leader Training at Camp de
Benneville Pines.

U p c o m i n g

8/7: *Tools of the Sage*

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8/14: *Dignity and Classism*

Rev. John returns with an exploration of how our perception of class status impacts dignity.

Schroeder, participated in young adult long-range planning on the day she aged out in Boston, was a chaplain for the UULM's Water Justice young adult tour of California in 2008, and is excited to help California young adult leaders bring their talents to justice work. Sonya is committed to helping youth leaders who grow up in our churches take the next step in our world as they grow into adulthood. She has been to two WUUKYs (Western UU Karmic Youth summer camp), and loves supporting youth at their conferences.

R.E.'s sUUPER-hero Summer Program

This Sunday:

This Sunday in RE we will express our inner sUUPER-heroes by making something special that helps us courageously fight for justice! Come find out what it is!

-Your R.E. Committee

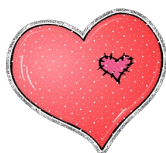
...and check out the rest of RE's Summer Program...

Love, Courage, Justice and fUUn!

This summer we focus on Love, Courage, and Justice. But most of all we focus on fun! Come join us! Click [here](#) for details on the sUUPER-hero Summer Program for the kids of PUC.

Update on John Hocutt & His Very Scary Heart Attack

Hello, all. In a testament to modern medicine, the docs released me less than two days after my full coronary and stent installation last



week. I'm just back from my cardiologist this morning with an excellent prognosis. Since professional tutoring is so low stress, I'm cleared to return to work next week.

Other than going through my rehabilitation program, watching my weight better than before and taking a couple meds for the rest of my life, that life shouldn't look much different than I'd envisioned even a couple of weeks ago.

I need to clear some confusion and hurt feelings I hear I caused inadvertently when I tried to share my situation during Joys & Sorrows last Sunday. If you were there, you saw me choke-up at the microphone and mangle what I had to say. When I said, "I hate this place," the place I was talking about was **not** PUC as a whole; rather the place I was talking about specifically: in front of that cussed

8/21: **Natural Rights**

Do we have the right to have rights? Rev. John preaches on our first principle: The inherent worth and dignity of each person.

R e c u r r i n g

Sundays

Adult Forums, 9:30 AM, L

YRUU High School Group. 10:30 AM, L

All-Church Potluck Brunch, 1st Sun., P

Singles-Family Brunch, 4th Sun., 12:30 PM, offsite

Mondays

Women's Circle, 4th Monday, 10 AM, L

Environmental Covenant Group, 1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L

Tuesdays

Addictions & Recovery Ministry Mtg, 2nd Tues., 7 PM, L

Women's Fed, 3rd Tuesday, 11 AM, offsite

Wednesdays

Choir Practice: Summer hiatus until August 24.

Thursdays

Seniors Pow Wow to Share How, 3rd Thurs., 11 AM, L

Environmental Priorities Meeting, 1st Thurs., 7 PM, L

Men's Ministry, 7 PM, V

Green Sanctuary/Transition Coffee Clatch, 2nd & 4th Thurs., 8-9 PM,

microphone. Left to my own devices, I would never've broadcast the news of my heart attack to the world. It was only because that news had been spread wide that I felt the need to stand for my first time at that microphone and try to assure the Congregation that things were fundamentally fine.

Please know that I'm profoundly grateful to be part of PUC, a space that exists thanks to us who've conjured it into existence. In particular, I'd like to thank Teri Masters for her timely and uplifting visits and to thank all of you who've held Jennifer and me in your hearts and minds over the past week and a half.

—**John Hocutt**



Dinners for UU's

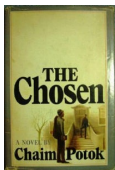
August 11 is our next Dinners for UU's. This time Dick and Ginnie Granoff will host our potluck dinner, which means it will be a great evening of food and fun, plus good UU company.

Come join us for the evening. Sign up at the Welcome Table on Sunday or phone me for details and questions.

—**Betty Saunders**

Women's Reading and Responding Bookclub

Summer Reading



We'll meet on Monday, **August 15** at 11 AM to discuss Chaim Potok's *The Chosen*.

On **September 19**, we will discuss Alice Sebold's *The Lovely Bones*.

Enjoy your summer reading!

—**Robin Arehart**

Catalina Coffee Co.

Fridays

Watercolor Workshop, 10 AM - noon, H

Interweaving Movie (GBLTQ), 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L

Saturdays


Dinners with UUs, 2nd Sat. of even-numbered months, 7 PM, offsite


French Conversation Group, 2nd & 4th Sat., 10 AM, V. Call Frank

Paulsen or Betty Chevron for info.



 **Wanted:** Marian Mone Seeking Quiet Room.

 **Wanted:** Casey Geist Looking for a Job in Music Production.

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Have you joined PUC in the last six months?
Please mark your calendar for the New Member Reception held in your honor: Saturday, **August 27**, 4-6 PM at PUC.
More info from membership@pacificunitarian.org.

[Read more details](#) or [submit your posting request](#).

H o s p i t a l i t y

Potluck Brunch Coordinators:

Lee Ann Hart, Becky Dyer, Dean Curliss and Debbie Reynolds;
All: *Please bring a dish to share!*

Ushers: George Yenoki

OPEN (How about yoUU?)

Please contact [Tracy Blender](#) if you'd like to give it a try.

Welcome Table: Marty Gorman

Greeters: YRUU YoUUth & Advisors

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS FOR UU & U



August was named for Augustus Caesar, who wanted to celebrate several victories he'd won in this, the eighth month of an expanded Roman calendar. It's also a month in which we are enjoined to remember Hiroshima, VJ Day, Hawaii statehood, beer, goat cheese, and back-to-school sales. If you or your family are not on the list below, notify trische@yahoo.com.

8/2--Ann Gilman

8/3--Marian Jones, Frances Morehouse

8/4--Kiko Barr

8/7--Gary Hart , Ernie Jacobs, Sean Lewis

8/8--Robin Arehart , Danny Wynne

8/9--Linnea Eades, Margaret Ellis

8/10--Kat Meredith

8/11--Daniel Monnier, Megan Pobre

8/15--Joyce Block-Miller, Keith Brownfield, Dick Granoff

8/16--Drew Davis

8/17--Taylor Slizewski

8/19--Virginia McCulloch/Ramos, Ali Oberoi

8/20--Eric Nicol

**8/23--Patricia Hart, Chloe Ng, Bettina Oster, Grace Rehaut,
Jean Tordella**

8/29--Renée Daley

8/31--Kana Barr, Elyse Doerflinger

Some people have large families; some don't. So remember everybody in the UU congregation on their natal day. We're glad they're here--in our congregation--and here on Earth!

—**Tom Rische**, Birthday Compiler

Calling All Flower Lovers...

Is it Your Turn to Bring Flowers on Sunday Morning?!?!

The following 2011 dates are still available:

August 21, 28

October 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6, 13

December 4, 11, 18



Please contact the [PUC Office](#) to reserve your date!



Free Quilting/Sewing Class

Resumes September 10

Kellie Rountree's Free Quilting/Sewing Class will resume on Saturday, **September 10** from 1-4 PM, and continue every other Saturday through November 19. The only cost is to buy your own materials (we'll help you figure out what you need). Sewing machine available to use. Drop-Ins are welcome. No experience necessary. Contact Kellie with any questions or to RSVP: 310-850-6429 (especially if you left Kellie a msg. last month when she was away... you know who you are, but Kellie doesn't ;-).

Come Join the Full Moon Barbeque

Dave & Jean English are adding to their auction offering for the Full Moon Barbeque on Sunday evening, **September 11**. Ten additional people will join us around the fire pit and watch the full moon rise over the harbor while enjoying a yummy



barbeque. \$20.00 each. Contact Barbara Paulsen or Craig in the [PUC Office](#) to reserve your spot.



Volunteer Opportunities

Contact [Leadership Development Committee](#) to volunteer or find out more.

Hospitality Coordinator: *Ensure Hosts are scheduled for every Sunday Coffee Hour and monthly brunches; order fair trade coffee*

Coffee Hour Host : *4th Sundays of the month*

Ushers: *1st Sundays of the month*

Welcome Table Coordinator : *Ensure Welcome Table Hosts scheduled for each Sunday.*

Stewardship Committee: *Stewardship is the visionary component of our financial leadership, including fundraising (Pledge Campaign, split plate collections, Special Events), and volunteer recognition.*

Welcome New Members

Andy and Janet Kissner

jandy@socalrr.com

310-791-0793



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